Shri A. Nallasivan passed away on 20th July, 1997 at the age of 76. Born at Bramadesam in Tamil Nadu in February 1922, Shri Nallasivan was educated at Thirthapathi High School and at Diravium Thayumanavar Hindu College at Tirunelveli. Shri Nallasivan was closely associated with trade union movements since 1940 and fought for the cause of working class and downtrodden people.

Shri Nallasivan started his legislative career with the membership of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council from 1978 to 1984. He represented the State of Tamil Nadu in this House from July 1989 to July 1995.

In the passing away of Shri A. Nallasivan, the country has lost a veteran labour leader.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Dr. M. Aram, Shri N. Giri Prasad, Shri Anand Narain Mulla, Shrimati Ratan Kumari and Shri A. Nallasivan.

I request the Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

(The hon. Members stood in silence for a minute)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved families our sense of profound sorrow and deep sympathy.

श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे : मैंडम, महाराष्ट्र में दलितों पर जो अत्याचार हो रहा है ....(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया : महाराष्ट्र में जिस तरह से दलितों की हत्यायें की जा रही हैं ....(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Madam, ..*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour. *(Interruptions)*... Question Hour. *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Madam, ... *(Interruptions)*...

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Fixing of Rates of Toll collections

*1. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Cabinet Panel clears Incentives for Roads published in the Economic Times of 5th June, 1997;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the basis for fixing of rates for toll collections; and

(d) the review/monitoring mechanism to stop collection after recovery of all costs?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news report is based on the initiatives taken by the Government to attract private sector participation in the development and maintenance of National Highway.

(c) Uniform toll rates as an upper limit on completed 4-lane National Highways have been fixed, keeping in view the savings on vehicle operating costs, damages caused by different types of vehicles and the acceptability by the users.

(d) As per the present policy, the toll will be levied in perpetuity to finance future road development. However, in case of BOT projects, the right to collect toll by private entrepreneur is limited to the concession period after which the facility will revert back to the Government.

Quality Testing Laboratories Under Rural' Water Supply programme in Gujarat

*2. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established water quality testing laboratories under Rural Water Supply Programme in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether Governments propose to establish such laboratories in every district of the State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The RGNDWM under the Ministry has a scheme under the Sub-Mission for sanctioning one water quality testing laboratory for each of the district in the country. Out of- the 19 districts of Gujarat so far water quality testing laboratories for 16 districts have been sanctioned. The State has confirmed the establishment of laboratories in 14 districts. Proposals for the remaining 3 districts of Junagarh, Ahmedabad and Gandhi Nagar are awaited from the State Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

"Jaipur Resolutions" on Centre-State Relations

*3. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government's attention has been drawn to the contents of "Jaipur Resolutions", adopted by the Chief Minister of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra and Rajasthan at their Conference held on 25th June, 1997 in Jaipur; and

(b) if so, the reasons for inordinate delay in implementation of the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission which had submitted its Report 11 years back and how much time Government will take further?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Sarkaria Commission had submitted its report in January, 1988. The report contained 247 recommendations.

As decided in the first meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 10.10.1990, a Sub-Committee of the Inter-State Council